

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An optical scanning apparatus which is improved in color registration by reducing bow of a scan line which is formed on a photosensitive medium. A plate having a slit with a width appropriate for a spot size of a scan line and a length corresponding to a predetermined scanning length is interposed between the photosensitive medium and a spot forming apparatus. A light source emits a laser beam, a rotary polygonal mirror reflects light from the light source while being rotated, f- θ lenses cause the light reflected from the rotary polygonal mirror to form a proper spot, and a reflecting mirror disposed on an optical path between the f- θ lenses and the photosensitive medium directs the spot toward the photosensitive medium. The slit plate passes a portion of the spot to uniformly form the scan line.